

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CRIMINAL DIVISION
TRIAL ATTORNEYS, DOMESTIC SECURITY SECTION
GS-12 to GS-15
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Are you an experienced trial attorney who is looking for a different kind of challenge? Are you a criminal prosecutor who has been looking for an opportunity to move to an action oriented environment that focuses on national security issues? In addition to prosecuting complex cases, are you interested in policy issues and international work? If so, we encourage you to consider a position with the Criminal Division's Domestic Security Section (DSS).

About the Section: With responsibilities that have a strong international component, DSS prosecutes cases, develops and implements policy initiatives, and provides expertise to the field and Department leadership in a wide variety of areas, including immigration crime, violent crime, and human rights abuses.

DSS's litigation work focuses on international, multi-district and precedent setting cases. It includes complex prosecutions involving international human smuggling organizations, particularly those that may facilitate terrorist travel.

DSS's policy work focuses on such priority law enforcement areas as human smuggling, organized immigration fraud, anti-gang work, and Project Safe Neighborhoods.

We work with other parts of the Department, other agencies, other countries, and international organizations to develop and implement initiatives to fight organized human smuggling, cross-border gun trafficking, international gangs, and human rights abuses.

**Responsibilities and
Opportunities Offered:**

DSS is seeking several experienced criminal prosecutors to serve as trial attorneys. We seek candidates who are mission-oriented, have high energy, are team players, and can be both collaborative and independent. Working closely with the Section Chief and Deputy Chiefs, incumbents will provide guidance and support to federal law enforcement agents in the development of investigations, including extraterritorial undercover operations. They will be responsible for handling all facets of U.S. prosecutions developed from such investigations, solely or in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Offices. The incumbents will also provide appropriate technical assistance requested by our foreign counterparts in support of their prosecution of common targets.

The incumbents will play a leadership role in coordinating multi-district cases, and will provide support to the field in the Section's areas of expertise. Incumbents' proactive ideas and enthusiastic support of law enforcement and policy initiatives in furtherance of the Section's mission are expected. They will analyze and draft comments on policy and legislative proposals, and prepare briefing materials, reports, memoranda and other written materials. They will also represent the Section and make presentations at meetings, conferences and training seminars.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a J.D. degree, a strong academic background, excellent interpersonal skills, and prosecution/litigation experience. They must be admitted to practice before the bar of

a U.S. jurisdiction, be an active member of that bar, and have a minimum of three (3) years post-graduation experience. Upon accepting an offer of employment, applicants must make a three-year commitment to the Criminal Division. Language skills, particularly Spanish, are desired.

In addition, the ideal candidate will:

- have extensive federal prosecutorial experience handling complex cases, particularly in the relevant substantive areas;
- enjoy influencing policy development in complex fields with competing interests;
- have an established record of strong initiative;
- thrive being challenged by multiple and diverse demands and have a demonstrated ability to set priorities;
- have excellent judgment and the ability to handle highly charged issues;
- have an understanding of, and sensitivity to, the political and cross-cultural nuances inherent in working with foreign governments;
- have strong interpersonal skills with a particular emphasis on relationship and team building; and,
- possess strong oral, writing and organizational skills.

Travel: Domestic and international travel will be required.

Salary: Current salary and years of experience will determine the appropriate salary level within a GS-12 to GS-15 (\$65,048 - \$139,774).

Location: Washington, D.C.

Submission Process and Deadline: Applicants must submit:

- a cover letter that highlights the applicant's interest in the position and addresses in detail how they meet the delineated qualifications;
- a resume;
- a list of at least three professional references, preferably recent ones that are intimately familiar with the candidate's work (references will not be contacted without prior notification to the candidate);
- a short writing sample or part of a longer writing sample (not to exceed 10 pages). The writing sample should be exclusively or primarily the applicant's work, and should include legal analysis; and,
- a copy of the applicant's most recent performance appraisal if applicant is currently a federal employee.

Applicants are encouraged to submit these materials through e-mail by forwarding their application to dssjobs@usdoj.gov. Application materials may also be forwarded by express or regular mail, or by fax, to:

U.S. Department of Justice
Criminal Division

Domestic Security Section
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Room 6746
Washington, D.C. 20530
Attn: DSS Jobs
Fax: (202) 616-5748

Please note that internal security measures related to the processing of correspondence may affect the timely receipt of applications submitted by the use of regular postal service.

No telephone calls please. Hiring for these positions will be on a rolling basis. The positions are open until filled but applications must be **received by the Section** no later than **June 9, 2006**.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and the person selected will therefore be required to pass a drug test to screen for illegal drug use prior to final approval. Employment is also contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background investigation adjudicated by the Department of Justice.

This and selected other attorney vacancy announcements can be found on the Internet at: www.usdoj.gov/oarm.